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Unemployment Insurance Announces Direct Deposit for Claimants

(Helena) --- The Montana Department of Labor and Industry today announced the availability of direct deposit of Unemployment Insurance benefits to complement online filing of unemployment claims that began in 2005.

The new service is available to eligible claimants with an established checking or savings account on the secure website www.UI4U.mt.gov.

"Direct deposit is a safer, convenient, and more cost effective way of getting desired financial assistance in the hands of our customers rather than the traditional route of mailing checks," said Labor Commissioner Keith Kelly.

The recipient receives the benefit payment in a quick and confidential electronic transaction, eliminating the cost of printing and mailing paper checks and the possibility of the check being lost, stolen or delivered to the wrong address.

Current claimants can *Sign Up for Direct Deposit* by logging onto www.UI4U.mt.gov and access individual claims with a personal identification number (PIN). By entering claimant bank routing, account numbers and electronic signature, eligible customers will have benefits deposited in their specified bank within three days of their next continued claim filing.

Additional services available on the website include bi-weekly continued claim filing, claim status and payment information, and the ability to update personal information such as address and telephone number.

Currently direct deposit is requested through the Internet. Unemployed workers who file their claim by telephone will need to use the Internet for the electronic payment option. To learn more visit www.UI4U.mt.gov or call the Claims Processing Center at (406) 444-2545.

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